

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 16 and 27 are amended and claim 25 is canceled. The amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claims 8-15, 26, and 28 are allowed, claims 16 and 25 rejected, and claim 27 objected to. The Examiner indicated that claims 16 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten so as to not depend on a canceled claim. Applicant has made claim 16 dependent from claim 15, which depends from claim 14, which depends from claim 8. All of those claims are pending. Applicant has canceled claim 25. Applicant submits that the improper dependency identified by the Examiner has been addressed and requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant has amended claim 27 as requested by the Examiner, to include the inadvertently omitted "C." Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to claim 27 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 8-16 and 26-28 in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the proposed amendments of claims 16 and 27 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

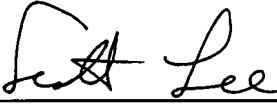
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